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SUBJECT: DESIGNATION OF US AIRLINES

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF NOTE WHICH EMBASSY SHOULD DELIVER
ASAP TO FOREIGN OFFICE IN CONNECTION WITH PRESIDENT'S
LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER.

"(INTRODUCTION) AND REFERS TO THE US-UK AIR SERVICES
AGREEMENT OF JULY 23, 1977, AS AMENDED. PURSUANT TO PARA-
GRAPH (5) OF ARTICLE 3 OF THAT AGREEMENT, THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE UNITED STATES HEREBY ADVISES THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UK
THAT IT WISHES TO HAVE TWO US AIRLINES, NAMELY PAN AMERICAN
WORLD AIRWAYS AND TRANS WORLD AIRLINES, DESIGNATED ON THREE
GATEWAY ROUTE SEGMENTS, NAMELY BOSTON-LONDON, NEW YORK-
LONDON, AND LOS ANGELES-LONDON. FOR THE TIME BEING, THE
UNITED STATES REGARDS THAT THE BOSTON-LONDON AND NEW YORK-
LONDON DESIGNATIONS CONTINUE TO BE MADE UNDER PARAGRAPH (2)
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(A) OF ARTICLE 3."

2. FYI. FOREGOING WORDING IS INTENDED TO KEEP BOTH PAN AM
AND TWA DESIGNATED AT BOSTON UNTIL QUESTION OF ADDITIONAL
CITY FOR TWO US AIRLINES IS RESOLVED. CAB HAS REACHED
DECISION (BUT HAS NOT YET FORWARDED IT TO PRESIDENT) TO
SELECT LOS ANGELES AS SECOND CITY FOR TWO US AIRLINES IF

UK AGREEMENT TO RETAIN TWO US AIRLINES AT BOSTON CANNOT
BE OBTAINED. END FYI. VANCE

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